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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Richard A. Daigle**
Serial No.: **10/751,059**
Filed: **12/31/2003**
For: **Pallet Loading and Unloading Sling**

Group No.: **3652**
Examiner: **Eileen D. Lillis**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Ms. Lillis:

In response to the office action of July 31, 2006, applicant submits the following:

Claims 1 – 26 are pending in the application. Claims 15 – 26 were elected for examination in applicant's October 26, 2005 Election of Species filing. Claims 1 – 14 are withdrawn. Claim 22 is now amended, and claims 15 – 21 and 23 – 26 are canceled. Your applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to further pursue patent protection on the subject matter of the withdrawn and canceled claims. Accordingly, only claim 22 remains in the application, and is being amended to place it in independent form to provide for allowance. The examiner stated that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Amendments:

Please withdraw claims 1 – 14, cancel claims 15 – 21 and 23 – 26, and amend claim 22 as shown in the claims recitation below: